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SUBJ: EGYPTIAN PRESS ON UNIVERSITY DISTURBANCES IN LIBYA

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1. LOCAL PRESS APRIL 9 CARRIES CONFUSED REPORTS BASED ON AFP
AND RADIO TUNIS STORIES CONCERNING VIOLENCE APRIL 7 AT TRIPOLI
UNIVERSITY. ALL ACCOUNTS AGREE THAT 250 STUDENTS WERE
INJURED IN CLASHES WITH PRO-REGIME FORCES LED BY PRIMIN JALLUD AND THAT

HEAVY DAMAGE CAUSED IN ENGINEERING AND SCIENCE FACULTIES AT
UNIVERSITY. GUMHURIYYA APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT JALLUD -CAUSE
VIOLENCE AT TRIPOLI INVERSITY RESULT OF THREE-HOUR STEM-WINDER
BY PRIMIN PREVIOUS NIGHT, IN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY FIRED OFF PISTOL
FIVE TIMES IN AIR TO INAUGUARTE ERA OF REVOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION
OF "POCKETS OF REACTION" AT TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY. ALL ACCOUNTS
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ALSO INDICATE THAT FEMALE STUDENTS AT TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY

INVOLVED IN CLASHES BUT DETAILS NOT PROVIDED.

2. ALL ACCOUNTS ATTRIBUTE VIOLENCE AT TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY TO RECENT QADHAFI SPEECHES IN EASTERN LIBYA (MOST RECENT BEING TO BENGHANZI UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTORS), IN WHICH HE STATED THAT OPPOSITION ELEMENTS TO REGIME CANNOT BE TOLERATED AND MUST BE LIQUIDATED IMMEDIATELY. GUMHURIYYA, IN EDITORIAL DIRECTLY FOLLOWING STORY ON TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY DISTURBANCES, LECTURES RCC CHAIRMAN CONCERNING BREADTH OF OPPOSITION OIN INBYA TO CURRENT REGIME. GUMHURIYYA STATES THAT QADHAFI WRONG IF HE BELIEVES THAT HE CAN LIQUIDATE OPPOSITON MERELY BY EXPELLING SOME RCC MEMBERS FROM LIBYA, PUTTING OTHERS UNDER HOUSE ARREST, AND CONTROLLING FREE OFFICERS. GUMHURIYYA STATES THAT ALL LIBYAN OFFICERS FACED WITH DEMEANING RESTRICTIONS, EVERY LIBYAN CITIZEN FACED WITH MOUNTING INFLATION, AND ALL LIBYAN INTELLICTUALS (PARTICULARLY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AND INSTRUCTIORS) NATURAL OPPONENTS OF ERATIC AND MISGUIDED QADHAFI REGIME.

3. COMMENT: LOCAL DAILIES EVIDELTY PLEASED AT INDICATIONS OF BREAKDOWN OF ORDER IN LIBYAND AND OBVIOUSLY HOPE THAT DISTURBANCES AT TRIPOLI UNIVERSITY WILL SPREAD. ON OTHER HAND, DETAILS AND AIMS OF RECENT QADHAFI CAMPAIGN AGAINST LIBYAN UNIVERSITIES NOT TOO CLEAR IN CAIRO AND LOCAL PAPERS ADOPTING CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO CURRENT LIBYAN EVENTS. AAHRAM APRIL 9 ALSO CARRIES ARTICLE, SUPPOSEDLY ORIGINALLY CARRIED ON ALGIERS RADIO, STATING THAT QADHAFI, ALGERIAN PRESIDENT BOUMEDIENNE, AND NIGER PRESIDENT RECENTLY MET IN SMALL VILLAGE IN SOUTHERN ALGERIA TO COORDINATE STRATEGY. IMPLICATION IN AHRAM SQUIB APPEARS TO BE THAT POSSIBLY OUT-FLANKING MOVEMENT AGAINST MAURITANIA CONTEMPLATED UNDER SAHARA ISSUE.
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